SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Was the qualification the only guiding principle in recruiting these District Munsifs or do their practice and experience they have acquired in the profession also guide the selecting authorities and form part of the qualification? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" All those form part of the qualifications."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that some of the District Munsifs are found dosing during the time of argument, will the Government take care to see that Munsifs are appointed after careful medical examination? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The dosing is the result of the quality of the arguments." (Laughter.)

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" தகுந்த qualification உள்ளவர்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களில் யாரும் இல்லாவிட்டால், ஹரிஜன கிருஸ்துவர்களுக்கு ஏன் அந்த உத்தியோகங்களைக் கொடுக்கக் கூடாதென்று, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Recognition of the primary Harijan backwardness even in a converted Christian is to a large extent done in the matter of educational concessions but not in such matters."

Reports regarding forest offences.

* 864 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any executive instructions issued to rangers and forest guards that they should as and when a forest crime is committed report invariably to a Magistrate; or whether it is left to the said forest authorities to report or desist from reporting to the Magistrates occurrences of forest crimes or breaches of forest rules; and

(*b*) whether any interval is fixed by the Government between the time of occurrence of a forest crime or breach of forest rules and the time of reporting of the same to the Magistrate; and if so, what is the period so fixed and allowed?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The general instructions issued for the guidance of the Forest Subordinates in the prosecution of forest offences, do not require that when a forest offence is committed, it should invariably be reported to the Magistrate. The District Forest Officer is empowered to decide whether the case should be prosecuted or compounded or withdrawn. If the District Forest Officer's orders are to prosecute the case is reported to a Magistrate. Also when the District Forest Officer's orders are to compound and the offenders fail to pay the compounding fee within 30 days of the date of receipt of the notices demanding the compounding fee, the case is reported to a Magistrate.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

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SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is there any time limit fixed, after the date of the occurrence of the offence, for the report of the occurrence of the offence to the District Forest Officer concerned who is to decide the course in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir, he takes action immediately."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware that one forest guard and one watcher cannot protect the forest properly and will the Government increase the staff by one more watcher for every beat? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It all depends upon the intensity of the forest areas."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that these forest crimes have increased after the abolition of the forest panchayats? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Forest offences are detected more efficiently. That is why it looks as though there are more offences."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know how many forest officers have been suspended for corruption during the last three years? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The hon. Member can give notice of a separate question."

House rent and other allowances to Prohibition guards.

* 865 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state why Government are not giving housing allowance, washing allowance and shaving allowance to the Prohibition guards in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The Prohibition guards throughout the State are not paid any washing or shaving allowance but are given House Rent Allowance at the rates sanctioned in the G.O. Ms. No. 379, Finance, dated 3rd April 1951."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have given washing allowance and shaving allowance to these people any time before and if so will the Minister say why it is stopped? Will the Government also consider the question of reviving it? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Will the hon. Member enlighten me as to the date of the order giving the allowance? "

SRI C. KANDASWAMI :—" If the Government are not giving shaving allowance, will they tolerate it if the Prohibition staff grow beard? "